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## **Ice Cream Science, Making Valentine Ornaments coming Feb. 5 to Cultural Heritage Center**

PIERRE, S.D. -- Few treats hit the spot as well as a big scoop of your favorite ice cream. Have you ever wondered why ice cream tastes so great? Or what goes into developing your favorite flavor?

Howard H. Bonnemann of the Dairy Science Department at South Dakota State University in Brookings will share some of the science that goes into making ice cream at the Cultural Heritage Center, headquarters of the South Dakota State Historical Society, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. CST on Sunday, Feb. 5. "Tasty Science: SDSU Ice Cream Research" will be followed by "Making a Valentine Ornament" from 2:30-4 p.m. SDSU ice cream will also be served in the lobby. As with the first Sunday of every month, there is free admission to the museum, and there is no charge for any of the programs or refreshments.

Bonnemann has been a faculty member of the Dairy Science Department for 15 years and worked as manager of the Dairy Processing Plant for much of that time. He currently teaches courses in dairy science, dairy foods and the manufacture of butter, ice cream and packaged market milk. Prior to his work at SDSU, Bonnemann worked as a product development specialist in the dairy industry.

"Ice cream is a treat, and it's always fun to get inside information on how everyday foods go from idea to actual product on the shelf," said Society Museum Director Jay Smith. "The program ties nicely to the museum's *Our South Dakota* exhibit because SDSU developed cookies 'n cream ice cream – one of the big ideas highlighted in the exhibit."

Visitors can make their own Valentine ornament following Bonneman's presentation. This will be the second year this popular hands-on activity is offered. All decorating supplies for the ornaments are provided.

"We hope everyone will come out and learn a little about ice cream, enjoy some SDSU ice cream for themselves, and get creative making a Valentine ornament for that special someone," Smith said. "It's going to be a fun February afternoon for kids and adults alike."

Museum hours are 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. CDT Monday-Saturday and 1-4:30 on Sundays and most holidays. The museum is closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's and Easter. There is a small admission fee for adults ages 18-and-older. Children 17-and-younger and members of the State Historical Society are free.

Call (605) 773-3458 for more information.

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*The South Dakota State Historical Society is a division of the Department of Tourism. The Department of Tourism is comprised of Tourism, the South Dakota Arts Council, and the State Historical Society. The Department is led by Secretary James D. Hagen. The State Historical Society is headquartered at the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. The center houses the society's world-class museum, the archives, and the historic preservation, publishing and administrative/development offices. Call (605) 773-3458 or visit [www.history.sd.gov](http://www.history.sd.gov) for more information. The society also has an archaeology office in Rapid City; call (605) 394-1936 for more information.*